Memorial Public Library,
at Wolfeboro.

At your suggestion,
I should like to meet with-
you on your earliest visit
here, that we may talk the
matter over. Since my
stay in Wolfeboro is irregular
please inform me a little in
advance - of your probable
time of coming, that I may
arrange time and place
of meeting, to your con-
venience - Thanking you
for your interest in the
matter - Very Truly

Mrs. Fannie M. Newell.

Wolfeboro N.H. Aug. 28th 1912

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir -

Judge Abbott
informs me that you will en-
tertain the receiving a gift -
certain things in my posession,
for the beginning of a public
museum, and furnishing
for them, a suitable place
for their display, for the
benefit of the public —
for the present - may be,
a corner in the Brewster

Wolfeboro, N.H. Sept. 7th 1912.

Chas. Wm. Brewster.

Dear Sir:

For the letter, and the kind interest you manifested about receiving certain antiquities in my profession, as the beginning of a public museum at Wolfeboro, I thank you. Following is an incomplete list of certain things I had in mind to contribute, which I deem worthy a place for display for the benefit of the public.

1 The spindle and distaff - still used in Asia Minor and the islands of the Aegean Sea.

2 A spindle, with the spun thread (oxydized) which was excavated in buried Pompeii.

3 A spindle whorl of wrought stone - dug up in the hot country South of City of Mexico. Relic of Aztec Indians?

Several beautiful specimens of antique loom work of silk, linen, cotton and wool spun on this simple instrument, so much simpler, more primitive than the linen wheels of our grandmothers. Part of these specimens are finished pieces, with needle work embroidery in gold and colored silk.

Specimens of both fine and coarse, mummy wrappings, from Egypt - XVII to XX Dynasties. These are fragments, but of similar and equal date, of fragments of Egyptian mummy cloths, framed and on the walls of the Metropolitan Museum, N.Y.

A scarab, bearing the name of Seti I - unmistakably made, during his reign - said Dr Petrie, who so long had charge of excavations in Egypt.

A section of a necklace (porcelain) dug up by Dr. Petrie, in 1896 - at Thebes, containing the name of Pharoh the Great - the balance of the necklace, now in a European museum

Beads - alabaster dishes — Small

Sections of coffin lids - with hieroglyphs. one showing the weighing of the soul of the dead on its arrival in? after death - as described in the ancient Egyptian Bible - &c -

Piece of a funeral wreath - from a coffin in the mummy Bulak museum - one of the flowers showing color - though plucked three thousand years ago.

A finely preserved corn mill of granite stone - left by the first tenants of our soil and picked up on the shore of lake Winnipisaukee, about a century ago -

a small collection of arrow points left by the Indians - from Maine to Calif -

Piece of corrugated pottery from a cliff dwelling of Arizona - of prehistoric Indians - &c

I have interesting specimens of European old porcelain, which I found in Constple - bazaars - and specimens of Eng. porcelain of Colonial times - heir looms -

Mosaics from the pictured walls of St Sophia - built by Justian, now a mosque at Constple -

mosaics from the floors of excavated houses of Pompeii -

Funeral lamps & vases from excavations in Greece -

This list will give you some idea of the collection in my possession - most of the pieces are small, and all would require to be under glass, and locked - To day, I called at the library and talked the matter over with Miss Brewster, the librarian - she showed warmest interest in the subject, and has promised to consider it further, and to confer with you: she, moreover, showed corners of the library, where space

may be spared from the work now centering there. We agreed in the thought, that the display of the things I can contribute, would require a glass case from the floor, for antiquities, a glass wall case, over it, for the porcelain dishes, and flat wall frames, for the fragile mummy cloths.

I have mounted photographs about about 10 x 12 in. — perhaps 12 doz. — of them 5 doz. — under glass — they contain photo's — of the heathen temples, a thousand miles along the Nile, — ruins in So. Italy — pictures of the walls of Corinth — old Byzantine churches — and modern mosques — with some of noted buildings, sculpture and paintings of Europe — These, for the use of the public would call for them to be hung

on some sort of a revolving frame, I suppose - Many of these things are in my home in Portsmouth - but enough are in Wolfeboro, to give you a good idea of them - I shall be glad to see you, on your coming - and talk the matter over definitely with you and Miss Brewster -

Cordially

Fannie M. Newell

Wolfeboro N.H. Oct. 30th 1912.

My dear Mr. Brewster:

Unavoidably, I was detained in Providence, and have just reached Wolfeboro. In relation to the collection, for so generously consented to find place, and cases for, I find my letter to you - and conversation with Miss Brewster, Librarian, was misleading - for during a recent visit to Portsmouth - (where the collection largely is,) I took a more careful list of the things - and ~~fear~~ they will require larger space than I had suggested, and more room than can be spared from the library, as it is now arranged, I fear. On my visit to Miss Brewster, in the library, some weeks ago, she suggested changes which might be possibly made, which would give more space.

Enclosed notice the simple draft I would suggest for the arrangement of photographs - There are 300 - mounted on card-board 14 x 11 inches - If these were enclosed in double faced frames - 8 in each frame - hung at a convenient angle to view - on brackets which would allow them to turn to the right and left - overlapping - would, I suppose, require a wall space of 15 ft. width - at least. The photo's - are of the rock temples for a thousand miles along the Nile - with monuments - and photos. illustrating the peoples and customs of Modern Egypt - Interesting mosques - Byzantine churches - public buildings - old walls and towers - underground aqueducts &c - of temple - Well known buildings

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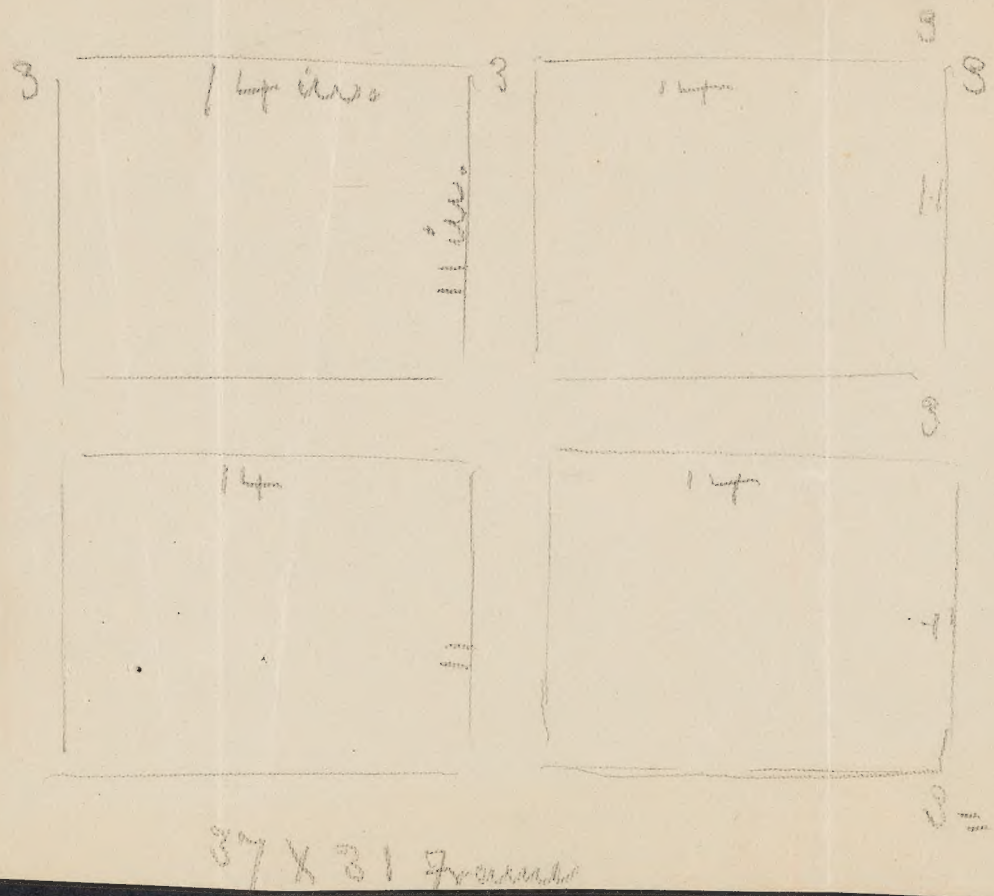
of Europe — Monuments, public buildings — historic churches &c. of the city of Mexico — with photo's of the ruins of the prehistoric peoples of Mexico — For their educational value. I believe these photographs worthy a place for display and convenient use —

Of the collection of curios and textile fabrics there are probably enough to creditably fill three cases of ordinary size — and porcelain of colonial times, Kutayah pottery with odd pieces of old English, Italian and Saxony ware enough to fill a wall case of ordinary size — the collection is packed in Portsmouth, and ready for shipment soon as I can know definitely about it — You will doubtless consider it expedient to visit Wolfeboro — speak face to face with Miss Brewster and me about the collection and providing a place for it —

I have specimens of the collection in Wolfeboro, which will give you a very good idea of it, I think — I cannot be in Wolfeboro — continuously — but will try to arrange being here, when it is your convenience to come — in order to meet you — Thanking you most sincerely for the interest you have shown in furnishing a place of display of this collection, so medley in character, which I hope may be the beginning of a public museum — There are family treasures, all around us — fast disappearing in the hands of collectors, which would grace a museum —

Very Sincerely

Fannie M. Newell —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